GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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FLIGHTS BETWEEN COLOMBO AND THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Lankan Airlines has recently approached the Indian Government for operational rights of flights from Colombo-Maldives-Cochin and back;

(b) whether the Government propose to link the flight to Thiruvananthapuram Airport; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in sanctioning the above services?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a):As per the existing Air Services Agreement between India and Sri Lanka, Sri Lankan Airlines can operate 3 frequencies/450 seats per week to Cochin with rights to pick up/discharge traffic to/from Male, subject to commercial agreement with Air India.

(b) and (c): Sri Lankan Airlines are presently operating 7 services per week between Colombo and Thiruvananthapuram. There is no proposal to link Thiruvananthapuram on Sri Lankan Airlines` flights between Colambo and Male.